

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please OPPOSE S.B.16 and H.B.5416

Please SUPPORT the following bills: S.B.388, H.B.5415, and H.B.5412

We are adamantly opposed to S.B.16 and H.B.5416. These laws are written to restrict the law-abiding citizen. This bill has nothing to do with stopping juvenile crime. What we need to do is keep criminals behind bars and stop targeting the law-abiding citizen's right to defend themselves.

Limiting legal, law-abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves against criminals with bad intentions puts many lives at risk.

We support S.B.388, an act concerning defense, H.B.5415 an act concerning legal transfer of assault weapons and magazines, and H.B.5412 an act concerning the duty to retreat in a house of worship.

Thank you for your time hearing my testimony. Law-abiding citizens are the ones that are paying taxes, following laws, and not committing crimes. Please take this into consideration.

Respectfully,

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